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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NSF DIRECTOR, DR. RICHARD C. ATKINSON
TO POLAND, MAY 22-26, 1978

REF: (A) STATE 098881; (B) WARSAW 3813; (C) LETTER OF
DR. NOWACKI TO DR. ATKINSON OF APRIL 4, 1978

1. FOLLOWING STATE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION
(REF. B), THE NSF DIRECTOR, DR. RICHARD C. ATKINSON DECIDED
TO VISIT POLAND AS PLANNED (REF. A).

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT TO PROFESSOR WITOLD
NOWACKI, PRESIDENT, PAN, THE FOLLOWING ANSWER TO HIS
INVITATION OF APRIL 4, 1978 (REF. C):
QUOTE PROFESSOR DR. WITOLD NOWACKI, PRESIDENT, POLISH
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, PALAC KULTURY I NAUKI, WARSAW, POLAND
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DEAR PROFESSOR NOWACKI:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION TO ATTEND THE
OPENING CEREMONY OF THE COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL CENTER TO
BE HELD IN WARSAW ON MAY 24, 1978 AT 10:00 A.M. I ACCEPT
YOUR INVITATION WITH PLEASURE.

AS YOU MAY KNOW, I HAVE RECENTLY ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM PROFESSOR SYLWESTER KALISKI, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE, HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY, TO VISIT POLAND DURING THE PERIOD OF MAY 23 THROUGH 25, 1978. MY VISIT TO POLAND WILL, CONSEQUENTLY, COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL CENTER.

I WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY: DR. HARVEY AVERCH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS; DR. WILLIAM E. HOWARD, III., DIVISION DIRECTOR FOR ASTRONOMICAL SCIENCES; AND MS. DEBORAH L. WINCE, PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANT, DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS.

I AM PLEASED THAT OUR JOINT EFFORT TO CONSTRUCT THIS FACILITY HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. THE CENTER WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FACILITATE INTERACTION BETWEEN THE POLISH AND FOREIGN ASTRONOMERS AND THEREBY FURTHER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ASTRONOMY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN WARSAW.

SINCERELY YOURS,
RICHARD C. ATKINSON, DIRECTOR

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